

ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2017/18

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**Colton Hills
Community School**
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Introduction From The Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Summer 2018 Newsletter

What an eventful year and a hot summer it has been. As always, the end of summer term is a good time to look back and celebrate the school's special events and achievements. The annual summer newsletter does just that.

I hope you enjoy the photographs and written articles that show the school doing what it does best – encouraging young people to enjoy being at school, to be the best they can be, whilst also contributing to the community they belong to.

This is also my opportunity to share the pride I have in the students, teachers and support staff that work at Colton Hills. The success we have is because of their endeavours and commitment every day.

Thank you as always for supporting the school and the work we do with your children. It is invaluable.

I hope you enjoy the summer break and I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Alberto Otero
Headteacher



Parental Engagement

Supporting & Educating Parents

In June parents were invited to an information evening where they listened to talks presented on:

- **Internet Safety**
- **Mental Well-Being**
- **ESOL classes for Adults**

The Headstart team and Wolverhampton City College provided information about activities in the local community for 10-16 year olds, where they can learn a range of skills whilst meeting other young people.

For further information on Activities please see Colton Hills website page, Parents, Information from our Partners.



PCSO Collis spoke about how to keep children safe on the internet and while they are out in the evening and Larisa took the opportunity to ask some questions.

National Award Winner Leah McClure School Biology Teacher of the Year



"I am genuinely honoured to have won this award. I am incredibly lucky to have taught a multitude of amazing students, many of whom have inspired me on a daily basis, and to work alongside fantastic colleagues. Biology teaching, for me, is all about engaging students with the amazing world around them and the Biology teacher of the year award is a wonderful way of celebrating the hard work of Biology teachers everywhere."

On Friday the 16th of December, I opened an unusual email, which started a journey I never expected, nor one that I could ever have predicted.

The sender was from the Royal Society of Biology and the email informed me that one of our talented students, Gitanjali Kambo, had nominated me for an award and filled out an application to that effect. I was genuinely moved to see the effort she had gone to and it is only fair now to thank her again for her kindness.

After Christmas, as we came back to a new term, an email came through to state that I was shortlisted! They wanted a written case study and to visit the school, observe a full lesson and speak to students and staff. The visit took place on the 12th June and what was really humbling was the amount of support and assistance received from colleagues and students, I could not have got through it without them, so thank you. The representative visiting was also incredibly impressed with our students, our school and our staff.

As school life continued and exams drew nearer I was told that I had won the award. The quote I sent at the time states very clearly how I feel,

I was lucky enough to attend the award ceremony at the IET in London, in July, watching UK students awarded for their hard work in the Biology Challenge competition. (This year one of our students, Sania Randhawa, won a bronze award!) In October, when the Royal Society of Biology launched their **#iamabiologist** social media campaign, I was a featured biologist. I have also had the opportunity to chair a day of Biology lectures at the Annual Association for Science Education Conference at Liverpool, on behalf of the Royal Society of Biology.

I am extremely grateful for the award and the opportunities and especially to my colleagues and students at Colton Hills who made it all possible.



Aspire to Aim Higher Event

On the 24th May, the following group of Year 7 and 8 students were taken to the University of Wolverhampton to perform in a dance showcase event which involved 5 other schools; Maria Lunnon Poole, Fariah Choudhury, Jessica Hollyhead. Roshni Faith, Safira Palmeira and Agata Muziol, performed a Contemporary dance piece they had been working on over the last term.

The students participated in question and answer sessions where they were able to ask their teachers and University staff about their experiences of dance through education and the paths a student can follow, to take their interests through to a University level. The students were taken on a guided tour of the University Performance Hub, learning about the Dance Science Testing Facilities and Studio Spaces and were

talked through the different performance course options that were available to suit them.

They also had the opportunity to see work created by 1st Year University Dance Degree students and see the level of expectation, commitment and enthusiasm for dance and what they could achieve, like them, through Dance in Education.



German Partner Visit, A Great Success

Colton Hills, in partnership with the IGS Helpsen in Germany, has been awarded a European Union Erasmus Plus grant in recognition of the collaborative work we do.

Other social activities included bowling and shopping. Of course, German students also spent some time in school with their English partners.

The grant will enable us to continue working together and help subsidise our exchange visits for the next two years.

Students are now looking forward to visiting their partners in Germany in September.

In May 2018 a group of German students came over to spend the week with their English partners. Our visits gave a taste of the history, culture and heritage of England. We visited Oxford, with its long and successful University history. We visited Liverpool, which played such an important role in emigration from and immigration to the UK, as well in the popular culture of the 1960s. Students visited the Guru Ravidass Gurdwara, to learn at first hand about Sikhism.



National Award for Colton Hills student from a Dragon

The Peter Jones Foundation has recognised two former students Sentis and Santis Rolmanis for their business idea of a virtual reality app that lets users practice interview techniques, in advance of their big day.

Sentis confirmed that they started working on the App in school after picking up some great ideas from the STEM team and by getting involved in projects in the school.



As twin brothers, they make a great team with Sentis focusing on business management and support and Santis leading on

IT and project development.

The full application name is "Confidence in Interviews VR" which can be downloaded for free on IOS for a trial testing period. The application was developed in just over a year and with true dedication, the brothers spent over 700 hours on product design and development.

The event was hosted at the University of Buckingham and the day-long event saw the campus transformed into a hub of entrepreneurial activity as students traded from market stalls and guests heard keynotes and panel discussions featuring leading entrepreneurs with the clear simple motto:

"If you feel like you want to give it a go, make it so."

The Peter Jones Foundation

EntFest (Enterprise Festival) culminated with the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Pitching live to the Dragons' Den star, Santis Rolmanis was declared winner of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award, receiving a £5000 investment into their business and Santis received a full scholarship to study at the University of Buckingham.

Colton Hills Chair of Governors Duane Williams confirmed "I am delighted that their hard work and determination has paid off cumulating with this outstanding achievement." He also divulged that he had supported the twins with the development of their business model.

This is a great achievement, we are all so proud of what Sentis, and Santis have achieved. Good luck our future millionaires.



World Book Day 2018



Public Speaking Winners

The main purpose of public speaking is to inform, to persuade and to entertain. Colton Hills pupils excelled in all three and this competition helped the pupils work out how to communicate to others effectively.

The year group winners were:

Year 7	Maria Brunel
Year 8	Mohammed Seacole
Year 9	Denise Mander
Year 10	Ana Seacole

Thank you to all those who took part and help facilitate this great experience for the students.

Quality in Careers Standard

Colton Hills Community School was awarded the Quality in Careers Standard Award in recognition that the advice and guidance given to students throughout their time at Colton Hills regarding their future pathway is independent and meets the criteria for the national standard expected.

On the feedback received the assessors commented: "...the Prospects Accreditation Board met on 15th December 2017 and unanimously agreed that Colton Hills should be accredited with the National Quality in Careers Standard, which recognises the high standard of your careers provision. It is a real achievement.



The Accreditation Board commended the prominent profile of the careers offered across the school, along with strong support at senior leader and governor level. "Students were very positive about the support they receive to help them make career and learning decisions at each key transition stage."



Achiever of the Year Awards

Five Colton Hills students have been included in the Express & Star Achiever of the Year Awards for 2017/18.

Headteacher Alberto Otero said: "These students by hard work, perseverance and determination have excelled in all they do for our

school and the community. We strongly believe that if you live out the first four values, 'commitment, fairness, teamwork and respect', then the fifth value of happiness will come naturally."

Congratulations to all our pupils for a great year.



Please see our Twitter page @ColtonHillsCS for the full story



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<p>Year: 7 House: Brunel Name: Lucas Drummond Value: Happiness</p> 	<p>Year: 8 House: Seacole Name: Shivam Chopra Value: Fairness</p> 	<p>Year: 9 House: Seacole Name: Jagpreet Kaur Value: Commitment</p> 	<p>Year: 10 House: Mander Name: Buba Mohammed Value: Teamwork</p> 	<p>Year: 11 House: Seacole Name: Jay Moon Value: Respect</p> 	
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Young Authors Competition

The students entered a short story competition, based on a theme.

The competition was open to KS2 and KS3 pupils across Wolverhampton and two of our students were shortlisted to the final, where they will be published in an anthology of short stories. The awards were presented by Meredith Teasdale, Director of Education.

The students stories were also read out at the Wolverhampton Literature Festival in January.



Stop Press

Colton Hills Community School are aiming to become a School of Sanctuary. More information to follow in the Autumn term.



Summer Art Exhibition

This year we are holding our very first public exhibition of GCSE and A level work.

The exhibition will be in the Art Department on the 10 July from 5-7pm and will feature work from every student who has completed the GCSE or A level course this year.

Everyone is welcome to come to celebrate our students' successes with us!





Wolverhampton Art Gallery - Student Exhibition



During the spring term selected Year 9, GCSE and A level students had work exhibited at Wolverhampton Art Gallery in the city centre.

The work was on display for the general public for the month of February and there was a private evening viewing for family and friends.

This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase some of our most outstanding art work, the event was enjoyed by parents and students alike and we hope to do this again in the future.

Molineux Trip



Mr Jones, Mr Stanley and Mr McKerdy took 33 students as part of a PE reward trip to watch an U21 international between England & Romania at the Molineux.

Students and staff had a wonderful time watching the Three Lions Win 2-1 in a thrilling end to end contest. Although the result may not have been the right one for our Romanian students, everyone we took had a tremendous time, behaved immaculately and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Sixth Form Basketball

Mr Stanley took the following students to the first ever CHCS boys Year 11 & Sixth Form basketball Fixture Away at NEWA! If you see them please congratulate them on being history makers!



Colton Hills CCF Cadets

Colton Hills Combined Cadet Force (CCF) headed to Scotland at Easter to take part in their first adventurous training week.

Sonata, Prabhjot and Krishna braved the unfamiliar terrain to canoe 15Km down the river Spey, climb Bynack More in the Cairngorms (1090m) and abseiled at Huntley's cave near

Grantown-on-Spey.

The course culminated in a wild camp at a remote bothy before heading back down the M6 home.

The weather was fantastic all week and all returned home exhausted but having learned a lot about how far they could push themselves in unfamiliar surroundings.



In Partnership with Local Primary Schools

The following Year 11 students, Innusah, Baba, Alisha Klare, Elise, Sania, Sandeep, Rhea and Jashandeep ran a tri-golf tournament for Year 3/4 pupils from the local primary schools.

They did a wonderful job and impressed staff who came from the local primary schools with their preparation, production and performance.



Year 7 Athletics

Please can you say a big well done to all our Year 7 athletics team.

We had some fantastic performances in a range of track & field events at Aldersley Stadium.

Please also praise Cristinel Mutiliga as the only early EAL Romanian speaker who came along and did extremely well!



Mr Jackson, Mrs Jackson and Mr Jones took some year 7 Athletes to Aldersley Sports Village this evening in the Wolverhampton Schools Indoor Competition. They all did fantastically and did the school proud!

Special mention to Daniel and Godspower who took first and second in the boys shotput competition. Daniel threw an impressive 7.50m with absolutely shocking technique! Can't wait to move onto athletics to see how far he can go with a bit of practice!



Dodgeball

Just wanted to share this good news with you.

Miss Buckle took six Year 8 Girls to Highfields to take part in a Dodgeball tournament. It was the first time these girls had played in a Dodgeball competition.

The girls did the school proud with the way they conducted themselves throughout the tournament.

The girls managed to win 5 out of their 7 games and ended up with 12 points which was worked out by number of games won (each match was best of 3 games).

This meant the girls finished 4th out of 8 teams which means they qualify for the Wolverhampton Dodgeball finals.

If you see any of the girls could you please congratulate them, they were over the moon with coming 4th.

Also a big thank you to Mr Jackson who stepped in to take us there and bring us back after the event.







The Birch Thompson Memorial Fund

The Birch Thompson Memorial Fund the voluntary charity that runs Gelliwig, was established in memory of Graham Birch and John Thompson, two long-serving teachers at Colton Hills Community School.

The School are the prime beneficiaries and have been using the residential centre for the last 28 years.

Keith Berry, MBE a former teacher at Colton Hills is chairperson of the Birch Thompson

Memorial Fund and provides excellent support to ensure the charity and Gelliwig continue to provide an excellent service to the school and the community of Wolverhampton. A big thank you to the small band of volunteers who keep the centre going and the Pastoral and Admin team at Colton Hills who 'make it happen each year', for our wonderful pupils.

The photos tell the pupil story; happiness, happiness and yes even more happiness. Another great success.



Brunel, Mander & Seacole Residential



Calendar Dates

Arrangements for the start of Autumn Term

Wednesday 5 September 2018

08.15am New Year 7 Start

09.30am Year 12 Start

10.30am Year 8 – 11 Start

Term Dates

Autumn 1 Wednesday 5 September 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018

Half Term Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018

Autumn 2 Monday 5 November 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term

Spring 1 Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019

Half Term Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

Spring 2 Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term

Summer 1 Monday 29 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019

Half Term Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Summer 2 Monday 3 June 2019 to Friday 19 July 2019

Dates for your Diary 2018

KS3 Celebration Evening

Thursday 25 October 2018

Year 10 Parents Evening

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Year 7 Parents Evening

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Parental Engagement Meeting

Thursday 15 November 2018

Post 16 Celebration Evening

Wednesday 19 December 2018

Year 6 Parents Evenings

Open Evening

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Open Morning

Thursday 27 September 2018

Open Morning

Friday 28 September 2018